Uttar Pradesh during 1982 to 1985 (up to October, 1985) is given below:—

Year	LIs	ILs
1982 . . .	33	..
1983 . . .	30	1
1984 . . .	22	6
1985 (up to October, 1985) . .	15	1

(b) The details of Letters of Intent/ Industrial Licences, names of the undertaking etc. are published by Indian Investment Centre in their 'Monthly News Letter', copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) Information regarding capital investment is not maintained by this Ministry.

High Export Duty on Bulk Drugs

836. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: *Will the Minister of INDUSTRY* be pleased to state the manner in which Government propose to export the bulk drugs when such high duty of 90 to 135 per cent is levied on the drug intermediates thereby restricting the growth of small scale bulk drug units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): Exports are not affected as the raw materials required for production of bulk drugs can be imported duty free on advance import licences.

Complaints against P&T Staff

837. SHRI RAMSINGMBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of employees and officers of Telephone, Posts and Telegraphs Department have been suspended, dismissed or removed during the period from 1st January, 1984 to 30th September, 1985 on charges of corruption, inefficiency, delay in work rude and misbehaviour and late coming on duties in various parts of the country and that of Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many of them have since been taken back on the duties and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government are aware that even after making of five days week, many of the staff are not coming in time, going eariler in the evening and observing lunch of one hour instead of half-an-hour and efficiency have not been improved; and

(e) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected. The same will be placed on the table of the House after compilation.

Breach of the provisions of the Companies Act. 1956 by Apparel Export Promotion Council

838. SHRI GULAM MOHI-UD-DIN-SHAWL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Regional Director of the Company Law Board, Kanpur, and the Company Law Board, New Delhi, from any member of the Apparel Export Promotion Council and from some Members of Parliament regarding breach of the various provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 by the said company; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken so far against the said company including the issue of Show Cause Notice to cancel the Licence under section 25 of the above mentioned Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Regional Director, Kanpur, had earlier sought vide his letter dated 29-7-19865, the explanation of M/s. Apparel Export Promotion Council for the alleged violation of conditions of the licence issued under Sec. 25 of the Companies Act, 1956, in not complying with the provisions of the Memorandum of Association of the Council. The reply of the Council dated 8-8-1985. has been examined and in the light of legal advice, the Regional Director. Kanpur, vide his Notice dated 20-11-1985, has called upon the Council to show cause within 30 days as to why the licence granted under Sec: 25 of the Companies Act, 1956, should not be revoked for violating the provisions of the Memorandum of Association of the Council.

Oil Exploration in Bay of Bengal

839. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that besides ONGC, some foreign companies had explored oil in the Bay of Bengal in the past;

(b) if so, the quantum of foreign exchange involved so far in such explorations;

(c) whether Government are thinking of entrusting more off-sore explorations to these companies; and

(d) if so, details of the areas and the amount of foreign exchange involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. Two foreign companies namely, M/s. Carlsberg Natomas, USA and M/s. Asamera Group of companies of Canada had undertaken drilling operations in the Bay of Bengal in 1976-77/1977-78 respectively.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(c) to (d) Government is considering inviting fresh bids from foreign oil companies for exploration and production of oil. The terms and conditions are yet to be finalised.

Delay in supply of Cooking Gas

840. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cooking gas connection holders in the country have to wait for weeks for the supply of cooking gas by the dealers and on that account those gas connection holders are put to considerable inconvenience;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take against such dealers who put the gas connection holders to considerable inconvenience; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take in order to stop this malpractice and also to ensure the regular supply of gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (c) LPG distributors are under instructions from the oil companies to supply refills within 48 hours of a customer request. While this normally does happen, there are times when delays occur in some areas owing to problems in respect of bottling, industrial relations, transportation etc. The oil companies endeavour to solve these problems as speedily as possible in order to restore normalcy of supplies. Action under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines, ranging from caution/warning letters and debit for missing equipment to terminattion of distributorships is taken against erring distributors by the oil companies.